



"The Roar of the Lion"

Jennifer Rubé, editor
June/July 2013

2013 Award Winners

This year the Vincent Lombardi Lodge will be recognizing the following people for their contributions to our lodge and the community:

Man of the Year: Salvatore Mitrano III
Chief of the Rochester Fire Department

Professional Man of the Year: James Vazzana
Attorney at the ChamberlainD'Amanda law firm.

Woman of the Year: Rae Mastro
Owner and CEO of Mastro Graphic Arts, Inc.

Lifetime of Service to the Lodge: Shirley Sculli
Past Lodge President.

The awards will be given at our event on October 19th at Midvale Country Club. Please watch your mail for invitations and more information.

2013 Scholarship Winners

This year the Vincent Lombardi Lodge will be awarding scholarships to the following students:

Vincent Lombardi Lodge #2270 Scholarship:
Michael V. Lauria from Greece Athena High School. He will be attending Purdue University.

Vincent Lombardi Lodge #2270 Past Honorees Scholarship: Micayla R. Greco from Gates Chili High School. She is attending Fredonia (SUNY).

Vincent Lombardi Lodge #2270 Past Honorees and Members Scholarship: Courtney Whitney from Greece Arcadia High School. She will attend Niagara University in the Fall

2013 Summer Picnic

This year's Annual Summer Picnic will be held on Saturday August 3rd at the home of Dr Joe and Nancy Rubé. We've reserved the big tent like we did last year so there is plenty of room for everyone. There is no cost for members and their spouses – just a dish to pass or other supplies. Non members are only \$5 each.

Please use the enclosed RSVP form to indicate that you will be attending and what food you plan to bring. Even though there is no payment due for members, its very important that Sister Nancy receive the RSVP forms so that we can keep track of how many are attending and what food is expected.

By popular demand and members' request, Jonathan Seiger and his Allstars band will be performing for us once again.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr Joe or Nancy Rubé at 585-381-5540.

2013–2014 Membership Dues

Thank you to everyone that has already returned their 2013 - 2014 Membership Dues. If you have not yet sent yours in, please do so ASAP. Annual dues are \$50 per year per member. Thanks!

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VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE #2270
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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We've returned from this year's New York Convention exhausted, but I think everyone that was there can be proud of the work we've seen OSIA do. We heard the reports from all the different committees and charities and on Saturday collected over \$70,000 in donations in about an hour or so. This money was given by the local lodges to the NY Grand Lodge Foundation to continue the good work they do in the fight against such serious illnesses as Autism, Cooley's Anemia, Alzheimer's, Cancer, Diabetes and more. Outstanding amounts of money were also raised for the Gift of Sight Program and for the Garibaldi Meucci Museum on Staten Island where we donated a brick in honor of our late Brother Edward and Sister Ruth Provenzano.

We saw a new state president elected and a new Grand Council installed. Congratulations to newly installed President Joe Rondinelli and all of the new officers elected during the convention. A number of people congratulated me on the success of our lodge, the wonderful increase in membership and the good work we've been doing for the Order.

Congratulations to Sister Mary Delman who won the prize for District VIII in the essay contest about what it means to be a member of the Order Sons (and Daughters) of Italy in America. I called Sister Mary from the convention on Friday to let her know she was the winner for our district.

Now that the convention is over we turn to the upcoming events on our summer schedule. Last week we had a very wet Festa Italia in East Rochester and now we have a few weeks to prepare for Festa Italiana at the IACC. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered their time for the East Rochester Festival and for those that will be volunteering for the second festival. These are major fundraisers for our lodge.

The big tent has been reserved for this year's Annual Summer Picnic on August 3rd and this year I would like to encourage some of our older or inactive members to join us. The picnic will be held at Dr Joe and Nancy Rubé's house again – please see the enclosed flyer for more details.

This year's October dinner has been renamed the *Italian American Heritage Awards Dinner* in honor of this being the year when Italy celebrates the influence of Italian heritage on the American culture. The dinner will be held on Saturday October 19th at Midvale Country Club. Please see the article in this newsletter to see who our award winners are for this year as well as the names of the students who will be receiving our three scholarships this year.

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Please take the time to read through this newsletter and learn about our new membership incentive program and other things that are going on in the lodge. I'm extending a challenge to all lodge members to bring in one new member this year and be a part of the bright future of our lodge. We all know that retaining our existing membership is important but bringing in new members is also important. We are gaining younger members who are eager to be involved and help with different projects in the lodge but we need to make sure that our older members stay active for as long as they can.

Unfortunately, we have a number of members who have been ill, had surgery or lost a loved one. Please keep them all in your thoughts as we pray for them to regain good health.

This is the time of year when we celebrate our nation's freedom with friends and family while keeping those serving around the world in our Armed Forces in our thoughts. Best wishes to all of our members and I hope to see you all at the Festival and picnic.

Fraternally,

President Jenn

OSIA APPAREL

Sons of Italy polo shirts are available!

Lodge members get a 20% discount off the regular price which includes the embroidered logo. You can also add the lodge name/number and/or your own name for an additional \$5 embroidery fee.

Colors available are: black, white, navy, burgundy, medium purple or dill green.

Sizes available are: Men's Small – 6XL and Women's Small – 3XL.

Cost: Small – XL = \$35, 2XL – 6XL = \$40

Please contact President Jenn at 381-5540 if you would like to order one of these shirts.

SOUVENIR AD BOOK

This year's Souvenir Ad Book will be handed out at the October Awards Dinner. Please help us by obtaining at least one ad from a business that you know.

Enclosed with this newsletter is an ad form with all the information. Please make sure that if you are obtaining the ad that you sign the form so that we know who got it.

Remember, many of the proceeds from this book go towards scholarships and other charitable donations made by the lodge through the year.

Any questions, please call President Jenn at 381-5540 or Ad Sales Chair Brother Pat Sculli at 340-6639.

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MEMBERSHIP

The Vincent Lombardi Lodge has come a long way in the past few years in gaining members. Last year we initiated sixteen new members and so far this year we have initiated ten new members. For a lodge as small as ours, I consider this to be a major accomplishment and it is one I'm very proud of. I'm proud because it is all of you who are bringing in family, friends, co-workers and literally, strangers off the street.

At our last meeting I proposed a new membership project that everyone seemed to approve of. Our new membership campaign is called "Everybody Knows Somebody" that wants to be an OSIA member. If each of us brought in one new member this year...well, you know what that would do. So start thinking....is there a server in your favorite restaurant who is Italian? Your mail carrier? Your hair dresser? The person sitting next to you at work?

Some of the things I hear most often are, they won't want to sit through meetings every month or everyone is too busy. Younger people don't have time. Older people don't want to get involved. My answer is, there is no rule that says you have to come to every meeting. We love that so many of our members attend our meetings. Most nights we have so many present that there isn't any room to move at Casa Italiana. Many of our members mix meetings with social events and try to attend where they can. Others can only make it to a few of our events but the ones they go to they say they enjoy.

In conjunction with this new membership initiative we have gone one step farther. Many of you know that the Grand Lodge has a membership incentive where if one person sponsors ten or more new members in a calendar year, they receive a special membership jacket from the Grand Lodge. In a lodge as small as ours, it is very difficult for one person to sponsor ten new members so we discussed and approved awarding a special membership shirt to any lodge member who sponsors five or more new members in a calendar year. This will be a shirt that is not available for sale and will have a special logo on it showing our pride in being OSIA members. Remember, we hear from the Grand Lodge that "the lion is on the move". Well, in Rochester "the lion has taken off running" and hopefully will continue forward.

This initiative is retroactive to January 2013 and I'm pleased to say we already have one member who is eligible for a shirt and others who are getting close. Please, think about the people in your life and see if they are interested in joining us. If you know of someone that might be interested and would like me to mail them an application, please send me their name and address. If you are at meetings, I usually have membership kits available with applications, brochures and a recent newsletter included. Please make sure you sign the application for anyone that you are sponsoring!

President Jenn

Thank you to Sister Sandy Meleca and Brothers Louie DiFilippo and Vince Giannantonio who brought refreshments for the June General Assembly Meeting.



Thank you to Sister Linda Agnello and Brother Sal Cutaia who have volunteered to bring refreshments for the July General Assembly Meeting.

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MEMBERS SEEN AROUND TOWN

Congratulations to **Brother Steve Cataldi** and his wife Carolyn, who were interviewed for an upcoming TV special for this year's Rochester International Jazz Festival.

Congratulations to **Brother Matthew Sisto**, who's photo was seen at this year's NYS OSIA Convention in a video featuring last year's scholarship winners.

Seen at the Festa della Repubblica at the IACC on June 2nd: **Brothers Joe Rubé, Joe Capogreco, Antonio Galvano, Dennis Erbetra, and Mario Daniele.**

Seen on TV during the recent telethon for Golisano Children's Hospital: **Brothers Joe Rubé, Peter Maddalena, Frank Romeo, Dennis Erbetra and Sister Stacey Romeo.**

LODGE NEWS

Congratulations to **Sal and Dora DeSchino** on their upcoming 72nd wedding anniversary. They are the grandparents of Brother Louis DeCarolis and in-laws of Brother Paul DeCarolis.

Congratulations to **Brother Joe and Sister Pat Galante** who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in May.

We congratulate **Brother Joe Yonda** and his wife Sue, who celebrated their 34th wedding anniversary in May and on the recent marriage of their daughter.

Our thoughts go out to **Sister Mary Delman** as she recovers from surgery. She is recuperating at St John's Home.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to **Brother Tom Meleca** who is undergoing some medical treatments.

Our get well wishes go out to **Brother Peter Maddelena** who underwent surgery.

Our get well wishes go out to **Sister Eunice McCarthy** on recent illnesses and a fall.

Our condolences go out to **Brother Mike Tomaselli** and his wife Del on the passing of his mother – in – law.

Our condolences go out to **Sister Bonnie Cottone** on the passing of her aunt.

Our continued best wishes go out to **Brother Joe Vazzana** as he continues his recovery at the Friendly Home.

If you know of any lodge members who have been ill, had surgery or have lost a loved one, please contact Sister Ann Vazzana at 586-6266. We also love to hear about positive things going on in our lodge!

IN MEMORIUM

FOXTON, Marie Moscato



Rochester: Marie Moscato Foxton passed away on 15 May 2013. Born in Rochester, NY, to Beatrice and James Moscato, Marie

attended Nazareth College and the University of Puget Sound. Full of kindness, grace, and wit, she pursued her passions enthusiastically and shared her wisdom tirelessly. Her great joys were her family and friends, cooking, gardening, reading, movies and traveling. She was an educator, business owner, and volunteer at the Italian American Community Center.

She was a treasure who will be missed by many, but especially by her husband Richard, children Elliott, Elise, Erin, and Erika, and five grandchildren. The family has arranged a private memorial. Donations in her memory may be made to the Casa Italiana at Nazareth College or La Leche League International.

Marie was unable to attend many of our meetings due to her schedule at the IACC, but she continued to be a passionate advocate for our organization and recommended many friends and colleagues for membership. She called or emailed frequently to see if there was anything she could do to help behind the scenes and this passion of hers for the Italian culture will be missed.

Congratulations to Rick Gigliotti who has opened Rochester's first Italian Kitchen on Wheels (a certified food truck) in Downtown Rochester. He has a great menu and he and his truck can be found in Rochester on Broad Street next to the Library. For more information visit www.papagigs.com.

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FROM THE NEW STATE PRESIDENT

My First Week as NYS President has passed. I cannot believe how much has been accomplished already. Our new Executive Board has been very busy and excited on transitioning into their new office and started on new projects. I am very grateful.

So let us all continue with what I like to call THE OSIA ATTITUDE !

The OSIA ATTITUDE is about taking the challenges and making the choice to look at them through new eyes. It's about trying new things, seeking new adventures.

The OSIA ATTITUDE allows us to climb our personal mountains with a positive attitude, energy and creativity.

It allows us to see possibilities in the impossible, find solutions to problems, and send us in a new direction.

So I ask all to join me in achieving an OSIA ATTITUDE !

"Consider The Past, Evaluate The Present and lets Create The Future"

Joseph Rondinelli, President NYSOSIA

MEMBERSHIP

Please add the following new members' information to the membership directory which was mailed to you earlier this year:

Romano, Gino
6655 East Canal Road
Brockport NY 14420
(585) 637-3044

Yonda, Joe
6681 Vollinger Road
Lyons NY 14489
(315) 879-7323

Tomaselli, Michael
35 Highland Drive
Penfield NY 14526
(585) 381-0661

Ferraro, Thomas Jr.
19 Arrowhead Drive
Rochester NY 14624
(585) 235-4528

Focarazzo, Marjorie
307 Goodman Street South
Rochester NY 14607
(585) 749-5346

Robert Meli
164 Greenfield Road
Rochester NY 14626
(585) 730-5322

CJ Salva Memorial Golf Tournament

Our lodge sponsored a hole at this golf tournament as part of our commitment to supporting community activities. The organizers sent the following update:

"We had set a first year goal of \$10,000 net proceeds that would be used to fund the scholarship we started at Southern Vermont College in CJ's name. We are happy to say that due to generosity of our sponsors, donors and participants plus the hard work of our volunteers and Lake Shore Country Club, we far exceeded our goal and raised over \$19,000 for the fund. It will be such an honor to give out scholarships to other students in need this year, in memory of CJ."



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JUNE & JULY BIRTHDAYS

06/06 Mary Ricci
 06/07 Rene DeCroce
 06/13 Deborah Sisto
 06/15 Marie Moscato Foxton
 06/16 Eunice McCarthy
 06/22 Matthew O'Connor
 06/25 Edward Groszewski
 06/27 Louis DeCarolis
 06/30 Edward Maruggi



07/01 Michael Maloni
 07/03 Anita Militello
 07/04 Antonio Palucci
 07/04 Nancy Rubé
 07/10 Jennifer Rubé
 07/21 Elizabeth Osta
 07/22 Hon. Gail Donofrio
 07/24 John Pilato
 07/25 William Agnello
 07/27 Sharon Strati
 07/29 Eileen Wozniak

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- **June 13th** - 7:00PM OSIA General Assembly Meeting at Casa Italiana (info: President Jenn 381-5540)
- **July 3rd – WEDNESDAY DATE CHANGE!** 7:00PM OSIA Council Meeting at Casa Italiana (info: President Jenn 381-5540)
- **July 11th** - 7:00PM OSIA General Assembly Meeting at Casa Italiana (info: President Jenn 381-5540)
- **July 19th – 21st** – Festa Italiana at the IACC – Volunteers Needed!!!
- **August 1st** - 7:00PM OSIA Council Meeting at Casa Italiana (info: President Jenn 381-5540)
- **August 3rd** – Annual Summer Picnic – more info coming – Save the Date!
- **August 8th** - 7:00PM OSIA General Assembly Meeting at Casa Italiana (info: President Jenn 381-5540)
- **September 5th** - 7:00PM OSIA Council Meeting at Casa Italiana (info: President Jenn 381-5540)
- **September 12th** - 7:00PM OSIA General Assembly Meeting at Casa Italiana (info: President Jenn 381-5540)
- **October 19th** – Columbus Dinner – Save the Date!

REFRESHMENTS

We are looking for volunteers to bring refreshments to our General Assembly meetings. If you would like to bring refreshments to the next meeting, please contact Sister Ann Vazzana at 586-6266. Thank you to all of our volunteers as this is one more thing that helps keep expenses down for the lodge.

INK CARTRIDGES

Thank you to everyone that has brought us empty ink and toner cartridges this year. Redeeming these empties cut the cost of printing our newsletters by \$500 last year. If you have any empties to donate, please bring them to the next lodge meeting or call Jennifer at 381-5540.

COKE REWARDS CODES

We are still collecting bottle caps and rewards codes from all Coke products. The codes can be found inside the bottle caps or inside the cardboard boxes from canned drinks. We redeem these codes for points towards different items that we can use for raffles at lodge events. If you can't bring them to the next meeting, feel free to email the codes to Jennifer at jennajlr@aol.com or call 381-5540.

MEETING DIRECTIONS

Our lodge general assembly meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at the Casa Italiana located on the Nazareth College Campus at 4245 East Avenue. The college is located about half a mile from the Village of Pittsford on Route 96/East Avenue. Enter the campus at the entrance with the traffic light (South Campus Drive). Turn immediately into Parking Lot A on the right as you enter the campus. On the right you will note the Casa Hispana building and then the Casa Italiana building. Take the lower walk to the right of the building which leads directly to the meeting room. The meeting will begin at 7:00PM sharp and everyone is welcome. Please Note: the meeting room is handicapped accessible.

NYS CONVENTION PHOTOS



Dr Joe's car which had been hit by a deer before the convention.



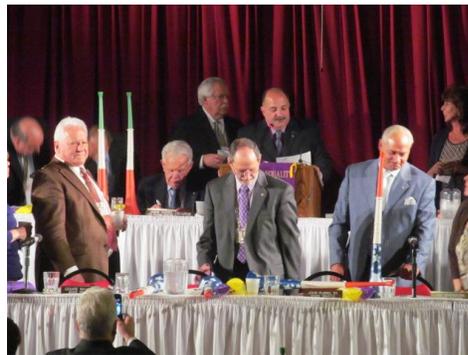
Nancy, Sal and Linda in the dining room.



Linda, Bill and Jenn waiting for their meal.



New State President Joe Rondinelli



President Jenn standing in line waiting to read off lodge donations.



Brother Joe on stage for the newsletter competition results.

President Joe Rondinelli making his acceptance speech.



President Jenn and Brother Sal making lodge donations.



Sister Linda in the Convention Hall



Brother Joe and Sister Nancy – matching outfits on Italian Night at Villa Roma

**New York State
Convention
Villa Roma Resort
May 30th – June 2nd**

FESTA ITALIA IN EAST ROCHESTER



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